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My very Dear Friend

It is not long since I closed a parcel of letters for you and despatched them by mail to Liverpool for the Steam Ship Liverpool, by which I hope they will reach you early. I have since attended a meeting of the Linnaean Society; Mr. Forster in the Chair. Lambert never comes now for fear of meeting Don, and also because he is a little piqued, perhaps, at not being made President. Brown seldom comes, as he would have to take the chair in Lambert's absence, and he fears he might annoy Lambert; for Brown is extremely tender of other persons feelings. I was most interested in the nominations to fill up the five vacancies of the Foreign associates. They were Carus, Nilsson, Edwards, Dutrochet, Endlicher, & Torrey. The nomination was signed by Bentham, Brown, Boott, Forster, Owen &c &c &c. — I knew nothing of it until just before the meeting, and I may be allowed to say that I felt extremely gratified at such a very handsome compliment paid to my best friend.

Lindley has given me to-day a copy of Griffith's most admirable paper in the last part of the Trans. Lin. Soc. T. on the ovula of Santalum, Loranthus, Viscum, &c. an anatomical paper of the very highest order. — about 40 pages, with eleven fine plates. I am going to buy all the other papers on Botany in the Linn. Trans which I think valuable. They can be had of Cochead, who buys sets and pulls them to pieces to sell separately. Let me not forget to tell you, that after having made diligent enquiry of Brown, Bentham &c. — I had nearly given up all hope of finding Walter's Herbarium. I spoke to Lindley yesterday, and he said he knew the Son of old Fraser who would be most apt to know something about it, and would give me his address, by which I could find him if in town. But to-day, just after the adjourn-

meet of the Horticultural Society, and while I was glancing over your kind letters, Lindley came for me to say that he had found Walter's Herbarium for me! He introduced me to Mr. Fraser to whom it belongs though not immediately in his possession, who offered to send it up for my examination to the Horticultural Society's Rooms, or anywhere I chose. I hope to get at it, with Bentham, about Friday, I shall be anxious to let you know the result.

= The Nuttallia, I. & S., is to be first published in the Californian appx. to Beechey's voyage: the number just now published, I suppose, as I saw it in print at Glasgow, breaks off just in the middle of the generic character. It was found also by Tolmie in upper California. I suspect the plate will appear then the suppl. to Fl. Bor. Am. will be an addition to the 12th part. I suspect he will not take in the Cryptg. Hooker is quite inclined to work up the mosses of N. America for us if we can include them. — R Greville would like to do the Sea Algæ!

— I am most clearly of the opinion that any person who will make extensive collections of N. american plants both Northern & Southern, and include also a good collection from N. Mex., the Platte country &c. — have his sets named according to our work; and who would devote 4 or 5 years to the ~~times~~, business, — could if he were really industrious & prudent realize $1000 pr. annum (clear). He should continue my grass-book for one thing, giving those sets only for the present price, and while from time to time he sells off collections as he can should retain ~~some~~ some 50 sets in all the most interesting large genera or small families, get all the species, and publish them in monographic sets. Kriesbach could make, with the aid we would gladly furnish, at least 10 times as much money, as long as he lives, as he ever will at Physic! besides being engaged in a much pleasanter way.

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